

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gabrio Roncucci et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 27, 2009, Applicants elect the Group IIIa claims (1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 and 23-26) without traverse. In view of the Examiner's indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter, Applicants amend the claims as follows for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.